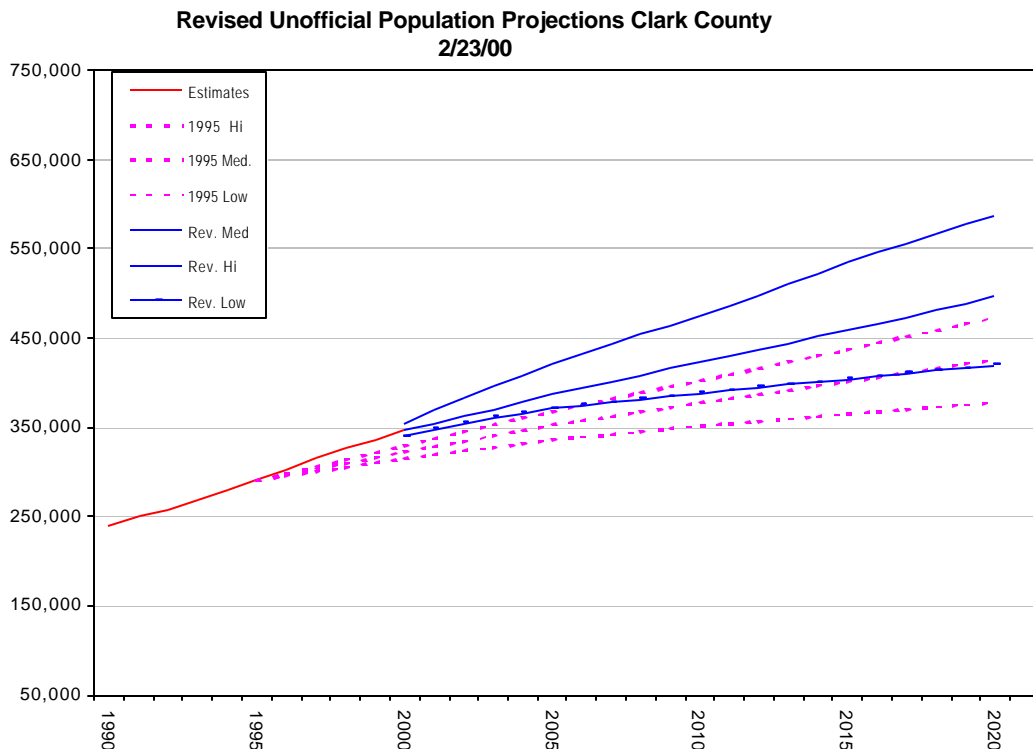


Revised Interim Population Projection for Clark County

- At the request of Clark County Officials, the Office of Financial Management prepared a **revised informal (unofficial) population projection for Clark County, 2000-2020**.
- The goal is to provide Clark County with early planning figures to assist the local jurisdictions in meeting Growth Management Act (GMA) planning deadlines.
- Clark County has been growing at a rapid pace throughout the 1990's. The county's population will reach about 346,000 by the year 2000, exceeding the GMA year 2000 "High" growth projection by 16,400 or 5 percent.
- This is not a particularly large difference for a county of over 300,000. *Growth in Washington and Oregon is now markedly slowing.* Given the strength of the California economy, the Asian market, and other factors, it is still very plausible that Clark County growth could slow and fall within the 1995 GMA projected growth range. It is not likely that the county's growth will slow enough to track with the 1995 "Medium" projection, at least not until 2015.
- Clark's revised projections were developed by making adjustments to the 1995 projections.
 1. The new "Medium" projection" was developed by assuming that growth would continue to follow the trend of the 1995 "High" series.
 2. The new "High" series was developed using the same percentage variance above the Medium series as was used in 1995, with some smoothing at the beginning and end of the projection period.
 3. The "low" series was revised upward and tracks near the previous "Medium series" from 2010 through 2020.



- The revised projections were carefully evaluated on the basis of the growth expectations for Washington, and for the four-county region centered on Portland that consists of Clark County and the counties of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington, in Oregon.¹
- *The influence of the California economy on population growth in the Pacific Northwest was an important factor in developing the revised projection assumptions.* California's atypical economic recession in the 1990s resulted in an exodus of population that flooded into Oregon, Washington, and other western states. A comparable recession in California is not considered likely through 2020.
- Thus, the rapid growth of the 1990s was somewhat moderated before developing long term "average growth" expectations for Clark. If projections for Clark County developed by other organizations show more growth, it may be because the 1990's county growth was trended intact—with no downward revision for the California influence. Provisional projection revisions are shown below.

1995 and Revised Provisional Population Projections for Clark County, Washington

	Low Series		Medium Series		High Series	
Year	1995	Revised	1995	Revised	1995	Revised
2000	315,234	339,639	322,755	346,000	329,783	353,796
2001		347,909		354,051		369,360
2002		354,484		362,103		382,945
2003		360,967		370,154		396,255
2004		365,756		378,205		407,919
2005	336,390	370,547	352,629	386,260	368,156	419,588
2006		374,068		393,503		430,864
2007		377,590		400,747		442,139
2008		381,112		407,990		453,415
2009		384,634		415,234		464,690
2010	351,698	388,159	377,478	422,481	402,679	475,969
2011	354,230	391,109	381,936	429,396	409,270	487,142
2012	356,873	394,186	386,567	436,531	416,071	498,640
2013	359,552	397,305	391,312	443,799	422,998	510,365
2014	362,239	400,437	396,121	451,161	430,015	522,270
2015	364,974	403,626	401,071	458,665	437,167	534,408
2016	367,637	406,740	405,904	466,220	444,368	545,724
2017	370,287	409,844	410,782	473,848	451,639	556,201
2018	372,941	412,955	415,682	481,571	459,000	565,862
2019	375,624	416,103	420,639	489,421	466,482	576,747
2020	378,185	419,188	425,502	497,202	473,898	587,621

Note: Unrounded figures not meant to imply precision.

After the projection review period, the Forecasting Division will prepare age-gender characteristics for the final projections for each five-year interval.

These revised projections, similar to the 1995 GMA projections, are based on the 1990 census. No adjustments are made for federal census undercounts, or overcounts. Census 2000 may have such adjustments. Official GMA projections based on census 2000 will be released in late 2001 or early 2002.

¹ Projections/estimates consulted: 1999 Washington State Population Forecasts to 2020; 1999 population estimates (and prior), Office of Financial Management; Projections from Portland-Vancouver METRO Regional Services; 1997 Long Term Population and Employment Forecasts, Oregon Office of Economic Analysis, and, 1999 population estimates from the Center for Population Research and Census, Portland State University.